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SUBJECT: PARAGUAYAN LABOR CONFEDERATION REPUDIATES ORIT
SECGEN NOMINEE CREDENTIALS

1. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 25 PUBLISHED STATEMENT BY CONFEDERACION PARAGUAYA DE TRABAJADORES (CPT) WHICH CALLED INTO QUESTION PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO THE BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PARAGUAYAN CITIZEN BASILIO GONZALEZ HERMOSILLA. GONZALEZ REPORTEDLY WILL BE FORMALLY NOMINATED FOR THE SECRETARY GENERALSHIP OF ORIT BY LA CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE SINDICATOS OF EL SALVADOR, AT THE FORTHCOMING CONVENTION OF ORIT IN CUERNAVACA, MEXICO, WITH THE REPORTED SUPPORT OF OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN LABOR CONFEDERATIONS. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORTING THE NOMINATION CONTAINED REFERENCES TO GONZALEZ' INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND ASSERTED THAT HE WAS FOUNDER OF THE CPT AND AN OUTSTANDING LABOR MOVEMENT DIRECTOR.

2. THE CPT DECLARATION REFUTED POINT BY POINT EACH OF THE ASSERTIONS AS TO GONZALEZ' ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE TERM OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN PARAGUAY. THE CPT DECLARED THAT GONZALEZ' ASSOCIATION WITH THE PARAGUAYAN LABOR MOVEMENT WAS LIMITED TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS DEALING WITH LABOR ISSUES WHEN HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH

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THE COLORADO PARTY JUNTA DE GOBIERNO DURING THE 1950S. FURTHER-

MOREIT STATED THAT GONZALEZ PARTICIPATED IN AN GENERAL STRIKE IN PARAGUAY IN 1958 WHICH RESULTED IN HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM PARAGUAY. ACCORDING TO THE CPT ARTICLE, GONZALEZ THEN ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH A "FANTASY COMMITTEE," "CPT EL EXILIO." AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE CPT ARTICLE, GONZALEZ REAPPEARED IN PARAGUAY AS AN ORIT OFFICIAL AND RE-ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE CPT.

3. INFORMED SOURCES WITHIN THE CPT STATE THAT PARAGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ORIT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SUPPORT GONZALEZ' CANDIDACY.

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